

I recently received notification that contained the following language, "The FCC is considering preempting state Telephone Privacy laws in favor of adopting one lower national standard. While the legal arguments about preemption are complicated, the practical result could mean that you will receive more unwanted telemarketing calls. Should the FCC try to preempt state law, you could receive unwanted calls from some companies that you have previously done business with...credit card companies, phone companies, and anybody else that considers you an "existing customer.""

I disagree with any plan to lessen the protection of my privacy that is now provided by Indiana's Telephone Privacy Law.

I disagree because I pay for my telephone service as a convenience for myself, not so that every entity that I have done business with or have contributed can contact me. If I wish to conduct further business with a company or charity, I will contact that entity of my own accord.

Since the law went into effect, I haven't received the first call of this nature. Before that date, I received between four and ten calls per week. These calls were received at any time from 8:00 AM to 10:00 or 11:00 PM with no regard to my personal schedule. As I work on various shifts and must maintain telephone service to perform my job, these interruptions of my private life were not appreciated. It is for this reason that I enrolled on the list to bar these calls.

Indiana's Telephone Privacy law, as is, does exactly what I want it to, protects my life from unnecessary interruption. The bottom line is that there are other methods of contacting me that are less intrusive to my privacy and that lessens my exposure to contact that I do not desire by forcing entities to incur costs instead of having me pay for them to invade my privacy.

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